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IN POOR TASTE

Humorist S.J. Perelman once wrote of this experience while riding a train across the United States during the 1940s: "I asked the porter to get me a newspaper and unfortunately the poor man, hard of hearing, brought me the Los Angeles Times."

Perelman might have had a problem June 12, 1997, even though the paper has improved since he made that comment.

Page 2 of that edition's sports section featured an Associated Press photo of Karl Malone, accompanied by a police escort, riding his motorcycle into the Delta Center for Game 5 of the NBA Finals.

The caption, written by a copy editor in the L.A. Times sports department, reads: "That's No White Bronco" (in some tortured analogy to the O.J. Simpson scenario).

A Times spokesperson says the caption slipped by the editors that night, but "there have been two stern internal reprimand memos from the sports and deputy sports editors."

The spokesperson said,

Panel Blocks Start Of Copper Mines

Moab Group Says Operation Threatens Water

BY JIM WOOLF

THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

Plans to develop four open-pit copper mines in southeastern Utah hit a legal snag this week when the U.S. Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA) issued an order blocking the start of mining.

Federal officials approved the mine on March 26, but that decision quickly was appealed by a group of Moab residents known as Protect Our Resources Coalition. It claimed the mine project provided too little protection for groundwater at the mine site, located 18 miles southeast of LaSal in the Lisbon Valley.

The coalition also alleged a number of problems with the environmental-impact statement done on the project, including recently uncovered evidence of what its attorney, Jay Tutchton, described as a "secret deal" be-

tween mine sponsor Summo USA Corp. and the federal land manager U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

The IBLA, which serves as an administrative court within the U.S. Department of Interior, ruled Monday the residents raised enough concerns to justify a "stay" preventing Denver-based Summo from beginning work on the mine until all of the issues are heard. Work on roads and other related facilities can proceed, however.

IBLA has a huge backlog of cases, and decisions in cases such as this often take years.

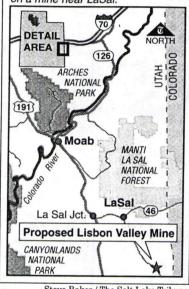
"We're disappointed," said BLM Moab District manager Kate Kitchell. "We made a solid decision that ensures environmental protection while allowing Summo to move forward with mining."

Gregory Hahn, president and chief executive officer of Summo. said the delay could endanger efforts to complete financing for the mine.

"Summo intends to request an expedited review of the appeal by IBLA in a concerted effort to bring the issue to a successful resolution in order to allow the pro-

Mine Plan is Blocked

An administrative court has ruled there is enough citizen concern to justify a "stay" preventing Denverbased Summo from beginning work on a mine near LaSal.



Steve Baker / The Salt Lake Tribune.

ject to proceed as planned to the benefit of all parties," he said in a prepared statement.

Tutchton said the secret deal is mentioned in documents obtained from the government through the Freedom of Information Act. They show that Summo had two mine proposals pending last year - one in Lisbon Valley and the other near Taos, N.M. The project in Taos was causing controversy

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BY JOHN KE THE SALT LAKE

With \$50 million : ployee payroll and ing expenses, the 1 Authority is one of Zi tional Bank's larger

But when Salt Lak to put UTA's light TRAX on Main Stre dab in front of Zior ters - bank Chair Simmons contribute alignment opponents Track.

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Now, at least one 1 transit official wants its banking business e

To the Utah System of Higher Education, Leavitt recommended clooking at the "big picture" so Utah's nine colleges will be ready for the 21st century.

The governor asked public education for safer schools, more in-

schools.

Leavitt's challenges came during a speech to educators gathered at Utah State University, including members of the State School Board, the Board of Regents and the Legislature's Education Interim Committee.

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Leavitt called on the regents to let individual college presidents and boards of trustees run their prospective schools. The regents should be spending time looking at what he called "big gear" ques-

To Reward Merit

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getting much."

But Susan Kuziak of the Utah Education Association says performance pay is too divisive for teachers, and that is why it has evolved away

She said studies have been done that show the most valued part of career ladder is the extra time it provides teachers.

State School Superintendent Scott Bean also believes career-ladder money could be used more productively, but added, "I still want it to go to teachers.'

tions.

It was a reference to the inner workings of a clock. Leavitt said when the big gear is adjusted correctly, the smaller gears fall into place.

Some big questions regents will have to answer include: Is the system set up for maximum potential? Who are our customers? Who is our competition?

'As the stewards of the system, we simply cannot wander aimlessly through this process. It is time for deliberate, focused leadership," he said.

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Lawsuit Over Lots Is Dismissed

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to all Americans - does not extend to abetting criminal behavior, he said.

"Such an interpretation would require sales of houses that sellers know [or strongly suspect] are to be used as drug houses, brothels or even altars for human sacrifices, if such criminal practices were engaged in as part of the buyers' religious beliefs," Benson said.

The Barlows claim they are not polygamists, but are "descended from and closely related" to people who practice polygamy as part of their religion.

Benson's decision ends their federal discrimination case, but they can pursue breach-of-contract claims in state court. Their attorney, Vince Rampton, did not return a call Tuesday.

Rampton had unsuccessfully argued the judge should examine the Evans' motives or "religious animus." rather than the Barlows'

alleged polygamy.

When Neal Evans called Henry Barlow to cancel the sale, Evans said he had "spent the entire day in the temple researching the matter," the attorney noted. That "admission" clearly showed the decision was "because of religion," Rampton argued.

Ruling against the Barlows "would permit sellers and landlords to bar anyone from purchasing or renting on the sole basis that the sellers or landlords disapproved of them on religious grounds by nutting the nurchasjudge noted.

And although the refusal appeared to violate the act, the question was whether polygamy qualified as a protected religious practice, the judge said.

He decided it does not, noting the U.S. Supreme Court has found polygamy to be "one of those rare religious practices that is contrary to the interest of society and undeserving of constitutional protection."

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and opposed by BLM officials in

Dec. 17, 1996, offered to abandon the New Mexico project in return for ownership of all federal land at the proposed Lisbon Valley mine. A May 8, 1997 BLM memo acknowledges this "private" negotiation still was under way.

The attorney argues this secret negotiation - which did not become public until after the mine was approved — tainted the process by encouraging BLM to approve the Lisbon Valley project regardless of the environmental consequences.

"Lisbon Valley on its own didn't get a fair shake because they [BLM] wanted it to go through," he said.

Kitchell denied there ever was a deal between Summo and BLM. She acknowledged that BLM officials in New Mexico discussed the idea with Summo and even proposed it to Utah BLM leaders.

"Our response was we have no interest and no intent to discuss this any further," said Kitchell. "There is not a secret deal."



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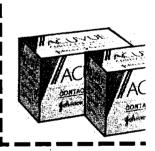
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